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In Re U.S. Patent Application )  
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 Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
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 Filed: Herewith )  
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 For: **METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING** )  
**INFORMATION BY MEANS OF** )  
**DATA PACKETS AND** )  
**NETWORK FOR** )  
**TRANSMITTING DATA** )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

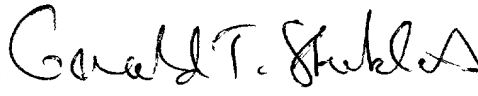
Please amend claim as follows:

4. (amended) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the data packets are changed in the area of interfaces.
  
5. (amended) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the data are transmitted in a network which is operated in accordance with an Internet protocol.

6. (amended) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the data packets contain the following information components: [length][number of hops][current hop][protocol][hops]\*[data]\*.

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**Version with marking to show changes made**

4. (amended) Method according to Claim 1 [one or more of the preceding claims], characterized in that the data packets are changed in the area of interfaces.

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